

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Andreas Wachtler et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Serial No.: Continuation of 09/686,816 Examiner: S. Wu

Filed: October 12, 2000

For: PHENYLCYCLOHEXANES AND A LIQUID-CRYSTALLINE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) Phenylcyclohexanes according to claim 1, characterized in that
 $Y = Z = H$.

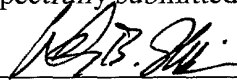
4. (Amended) Phenylcyclohexanes according to claim 1, characterized in that
 $Y = F$ and $Z = H$ or F .

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to cancelled combined subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

3. (Amended) Phenylcyclohexanes according to ~~at least one of claims~~ claim 1 to 2, characterized in that $Y = Z = H$.

4. (Amended) Phenylcyclohexanes according to ~~at least one of claims~~ claim 1 to 2, characterized in that $Y = F$ and $Z = H$ or F .

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